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BLOWING UP THE LINE.

Trans-Siberian Railway Cut by
Japanese Agents—Where
Are the Japanese
Ships?

A telegram from our own correspondent at Tokio states that a bridge on the Manchurian railway has been blown up by the Japanese. The Japanese fleet has mysteriously disappeared, and has not been seen by the Russians since Tuesday. It may reappear and deliver an attack at any moment. A reconnaissance made by the Russian cruisers on Wednesday was fruitless. Admiral Alexeieff has sent a report to the Tsar, in which he states that the damaged Russian warships will be repaired in the night.

The survivors of the Chemulpho fight are to be released on parole that they will take no further part in the war. The cables from Seoul have been cut, and consequently the movements of the Japanese troops in Korea are not known.

Little news came through from the East yesterday, but the message which we have received from our own correspondent in Tokio is of great importance, and indicates the manner in which Japan is attempting to paralyse Russia by the frequency and suddenness of her attacks. Admiral Alexeieff has notified the Tsar of the damage which is likely to be taken in repairing the damage sustained by the Russian fleet during the fighting at Port Arthur. It is more than probable that his estimate of a fortnight is below the real size of things, and that the ships are out of action for considerable time.

Little news of the Japanese troops in Korea is available to get through, as the land wires in Korea have been cut, and the Siberian cable is used exclusively for Russian official communications. They are probably continuing their forward movement to engage the Russian army which is holding the banks of the Yalu River.

From Berlin comes the news that the vessels of the Russian Baltic fleet will be unable to use the Suez Canal or their way to the Far East. The complete disappearance of the Japanese who last saw it on Tuesday, and have no idea as to where the next attack may be expected.

JAPAN SCORES AGAIN.
Russian Line of Communications
Cut by Spies.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

TOKIO, Thursday.

The Japanese have blown up a portion of the Great Wall of China.

This is probably the work of one of hundreds of spies who for months past have been living along the line.

[A report that a bridge had been blown up on the Manchurian Railway by Japanese agents has already been published. However, our Tokio correspondent speaks of the occurrence as if it had happened outside Manchuria. Presumably, therefore, he is referring to a different part of the line.]

A representative of the *Daily Illustrated Mirror* who called at the Legation on the receipt of this information was told that no official information on the subject could be given.

AN EXPERT'S VIEW.

Questioned as to the probability of such an occurrence, a highly-placed Japanese gentleman going in England remarked: "It is not surprising that there is at present no official confirmation of the report on the subject. The Russians would naturally try to prevent news of their disaster becoming known, and it is likely to be some time before the Japanese Government have any definite information."

I have no reason to doubt its truth. The situation is so well-guarded that it would be difficult to do, but everything is possible to brave men."

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RUSSIAN RAILWAY PAYS THE WAR PENALTY.



One of the chief objects of the Japanese is to prevent the enemy's men and munitions of war reaching the front. The Trans-Siberian Railway is relied upon for this purpose by the Russians. Our correspondent in Tokio wires that a section of the line has been blown up.

TO-DAY'S NEWS AT A GLANCE.

Our special weather forecast for to-day is: Southerly to westerly gales; mild and very unsettled; occasional heavy rain or hail; some bright intervals.

Lighting-up time, 6.10 p.m.

All Channel passages will be very unpleasant, as the sea will be high on all coasts.

Respecting the war in the Far East, our own correspondent sends the statement that a bridge on the Trans-Siberian Railway has been blown up. There has been no definite news of the Japanese fleet since Tuesday. Admiral Alexieff has sent a report to the Tsar, stating that the damaged Russian battleships can be repaired in a fortnight.—(Pages 1 and 2.)

In House of Lords the Marquis of Lansdowne informed Earl Spencer that the rumour that we had allowed Japan the use of Wei-hai-wei as a base for their operations was entirely without foundation.—(Page 5.)

The King was represented yesterday at the memorial service for Canon Ainger held at the Temple Church.—(Page 3.)

Fiscal matters concerned the Commons, and amongst those who took part in what was, with an interesting debate was Sir E. Vincent, who made a spirited speech in which he termed protection altogether unsuited to the commercial needs of England.—(Page 4.)

It is believed that as a protest against Mr. Wyndham's speech on the Irish Roman Catholic University question, Mr. Redmond will on Monday lead his followers into the lobby in favour of Mr. Morley's amendment to the Address.—(Page 4.)

Mr. Chamberlain arrived at Marseilles yesterday and left later in the day on the P. and O. Monolian for Egypt.—(Page 3.)

Mr. Balfour is convalescent and will to-day leave London for a short holiday on the South coast.—(Page 3.)

On the arrival of the Majestic from New York at Liverpool, a young Slav was discovered to be in the possession of a quantity of dynamite. He was given into custody and at the police court remanded, pending inquiries.—(Page 3.)

Polling in the Mid-Herts Division took place yesterday. Motor-cars were in large demand, and as both candidates seemed well supplied in this respect, the poll may be a heavy one. Supporters of Mr. Vicary Gibbs, the Conservative candidate, were very hopeful of success.—(Page 4.)

In the action to recover damages for libel, brought by Messrs. E. Underwood and Son, against Edward Lloyd, Ltd., proprietors of "The Daily Chronicle," a verdict was returned for plaintiffs, the damages being assessed at £1,160.—(Page 6.)

The further hearing of the De Lisle divorce case yesterday attracted a great number of fashionably-dressed people to the Court. The hearing was again adjourned until to-day, when the Marquis undergoes cross-examination.—(Page 6.)

At the Old Bailey, yesterday, the man Walter Albert was convicted of feloniously wounding Mr. H. Freeth, a clerk, in a train on the North London Railway, and sentenced to fifteen months' hard labour.—(Page 6.)

The Hungarian girl who slept last year for three months in the general hospital at Vienna, has been admitted to that institution again in a similar condition.—(Page 13.)

There is a very full programme of football matches under both codes to-day. England meets Ireland in a Rugby international game at Blackheath and Oxford and Cambridge will play an Association match at Queen's Club.—(Page 14.)

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Feb. 5.—Japan sends her Note breaking off negotiations.

Feb. 7.—News published in St. Petersburg and London.

Feb. 8.—Russia has the first shot, the Korietz firing on Japanese warships off Chemulpho.

At midnight the Japanese made a torpedo attack at Port Arthur, disabling three Russian warships.

Feb. 9.—Naval battle off Port Arthur; four Russian ships disabled.

Combat between Japanese squadron and Russian ships Varig and Korietz off Chemulpho; both Russians sunk.

Tsar prays for success to Russian arms.

Feb. 10.—Tsar issues formal proclamation of war.

M. Kurino, the Japanese Ambassador, leaves St. Petersburg.

Feb. 11.—Bridge on Manchurian Railway reported blown up.

Japan formally proclaims war.

TO-DAY'S ARRANGEMENTS.

The French Ambassador attends Distribution of Prizes of National Society of French Masters in England, Mansion House, 4.

Festival of London Sunday School Choir, Royal Albert Hall, 6.30.

London Fine Art Association: Cinderella Dance, Caxton Hall, 6.45.

Playgoers' Club Pantomime for Poor Children: Performance at the Surrey Theatre.

Football (Rugby): England v. Ireland, at Blackheath; Association: Oxford v. Cambridge, Queen's Club, West Kensington, W.

Racing: Sandown Park.

Hockey: At Blackheath, Cambridge University v. Blackheath; at Chatham, R.E. v. Folkestone; at Croydon, St. Bartholomew's Hospital v. Croydon; at Edinburgh, Scotland v. Wales.

POISONED BY FUMES OF MELINITE.

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men. And if our people have only managed seriously to damage the line the effect will be tremendous. Even if the damage done is but slight, it is a great blow to Russia. At this crisis every hour's delay on that crowded railway is of vital importance to her."

"Do you know?" he was asked, "anything about the Japanese spies that are said to have been for months past living in Manchuria?"

"There is naturally no official information to be gleaned on that subject," was the reply.

"I do not know anything about it. But there would be thousands of our people ready to volunteer for such service, and surely it would be criminal in a Government to neglect to take such a precaution as to send them. Judging by what we know has happened, does it seem likely that the Japanese Government, which has been for years preparing for this war, would refrain from taking such an obvious step?"

"Then you think that one of these spies, who has been living disguised for some time in Manchuria, has succeeded in eluding the vigilance of the guards and exploding a dynamite cartridge under the rails?"

"That seems to me the most probable explanation. It only needs, during the long bitter Manchurian night, a moment's inattention of the part one, or perhaps half a dozen, Russian soldiers. What if the men who did it sacrificed their lives? They would be saving the lives of thousands of their countrymen and dying gloriously for their country."

THE DISABLED WARSHIPS.

Wounded Men on the Pallada were Poisoned by Melinite.

ST. PETERSBURG, Friday.

The following telegram, dated Port Arthur, February 11, received by the Tsar from the Vice-Viceroy Alexieff, is published here this morning:

Harbour in the Baltic Sea, through German territory, to the North Sea. It is shorter than the sea voyage by over 400 miles, and also obviates the rough and dangerous passage through the islands at the eastern end of the Skager Ræk.]

THE PHANTOM FLEET.

CHIFU, Thursday (9 a.m.).

The Japanese fleet has not been seen since Tuesday.—Reuter.

MYSTERIOUS JAPANESE VESSEL.

The movements of Japanese ships have been kept as secret as possible since the war commenced. Lloyd's reported yesterday that the Kawachi Maru, a screw steamer of 6,096 tons, passed St. Catherine's Point (Isle of Wight) in the afternoon, steaming in a westerly direction. But the destination of the vessel has been kept a secret by her owners, the Nippon Yusen Kaisha Company.

The company have entirely suspended their service of steamers between Antwerp and Japan. The cargo of one of their boats, now at Colombo, has been transhipped to a neutral steamer, and has gone on. There is some talk of the employment of neutral ships to carry on the service, but nothing definite is known about the arrangement yet.

A RED CROSS PALACE.

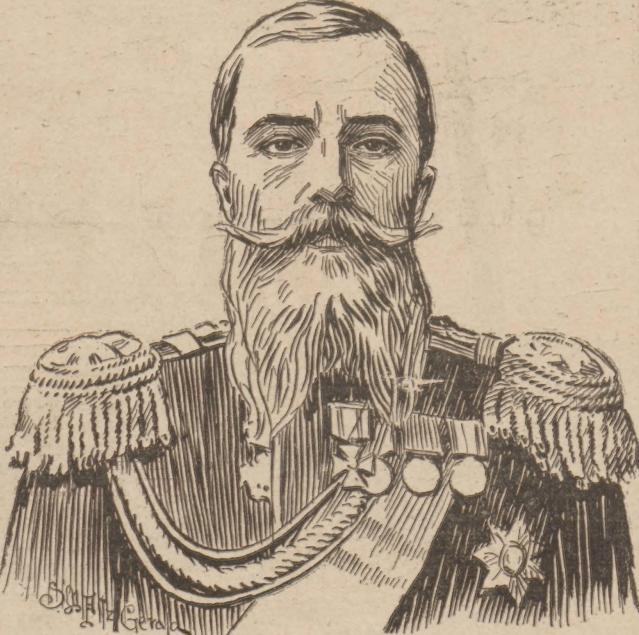
The Dowager-Tsaritsa has issued a rescript to the Red Cross Society, directing it to make provision for the alleviation of the sufferers of those wounded in the war.

A branch of the Red Cross has been established in the new Hermitage of the Winter Palace. Offers of service have reached the society in such numbers that no more applications will be entertained until further notice.—Reuter.

The staff of the Japanese Legation at St. Petersburg arrived at Berlin yesterday morning.

At a meeting of the council of the Japan Society in London yesterday it was decided to

RECALLED!



Owing to the Japanese success at Port Arthur (it is stated), Vice-admiral Starck, of whom this is a portrait, is to be recalled, and Vice-admiral Skrydloff to hold office in his stead.

The Tsarevitch and the Pallada were brought on February 9 into the inner harbour.

The leak in the Retisvan is being temporarily stopped.

The repairing of ironclads is a complicated business, a period for the completion of which it is hard to indicate.

The Pallada and the Novik will be brought into harbour and docked in succession.

REPAIRS IN A FORTNIGHT.

In my opinion the repairs will require about a fortnight.

"All the other ships that took part in the action of February 9, and which sustained damage, were brought on February 10 into the inner harbour to empty their coal bunkers and undergo repairs, which I hope will be completed in three days.

PORSONED BY MELINITE.

"Of the seriously wounded men four have died. The others, I am convinced, give hopes of recovery.

"The majority of the wounded belong to the Pallada. The reason for this is that they were poisoned by gases produced by the explosion of the torpedo charged with melinite.

"On February 10 a reconnaissance was made by cruisers, in which no hostile ships were discovered.

The night, during which an extra vigilant watch was kept up by torpedo and other boats, passed off without incident."—Reuter.

THE RUSSIAN BALTIC FLEET.

BERLIN, Friday.

It is declared in official quarters that nothing is known of the impending passage of a Russian squadron through the Kaiser Wilhelm Canal.—Reuter.

The Kaiser Wilhelm Canal runs from Kiel | 1756.

JAPAN'S WAR PRISONERS.

Russian Survivors of the Battle-off Chemulpho Will be Released at Shanghai on Parole.

We are officially informed that a telegram has been received at the Japanese Legation from Tokyo stating that all the survivors of the Varig and Korietz and the transport Sungari were taken on board the British, French, and Italian men-of-war which happened to be at anchor in the port of Chemulpho at the time of the naval engagement last Monday.

M. Pabloff, the Russian Minister at Seoul, is said to have asked Dr. Allen, the American Minister, to convey these survivors to Shanghai or Chefoo—after converting them into non-combatants—by two American transports anchoring at Chemulpho. The proposal was also made by the French Chargé d'Affaires at Seoul to the Japanese Minister that there take the survivors to Chefoo by the French cruiser "Pascal," on parole being given by them never to participate in the war.

The Japanese Minister is instructed to consent to the above proposals on condition that the survivors should be sent to Shanghai and that Russia should engage herself not to allow them to come to the north of Shanghai during the present war.

RUSSIAN "MAFFICKERS."

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 12.

A popular demonstration was made today in front of the Winter Palace and the French Embassy by an enthusiastic crowd largely composed of students. In response to the demonstration at one of the windows.

His Majesty further ordered his aides-de-camp to kiss the students on the head for their expressions of loyalty. The crowd then proceeded to the Anitschkoff Palace, where there was a similar demonstration in honour of the Dowager-Tsaritsa and subsequently paraded the principal streets of the city.

At Kiel yesterday there were again patriotic demonstrations, the students of the Polytechnic and the pupils of the middle and elementary schools parading the streets with bands and banners. Similar demonstrations, in which several thousand workmen took part, are reported from Moscow.—Reuter.

The musical comedy, "The Geisha," which was being performed here, has, adds a Reuter's special message, been withdrawn, on account of hostile demonstrations, to which it gave rise on the part of the public.

RUSSIA'S FINANCIAL TROUBLES.

Meanwhile, the financial situation in Russia is very critical, and some banks are, according to Reuter's correspondent at St. Petersburg, considered to be in a very perilous position.

Mail advises from Jibutib state that the Russian squadron which passed here on the 27th inst. had coaled and intended to wait at Jibutib for other Russian warships expected from Suez until the 1st inst.—Reuter.

According to the "Russkiy Invalid," Major General Pflug, Chief of Staff to Admiral Alexieff, has been appointed Quartermaster-General of the Viceroy's field staff.

SOME FOREIGN OPINIONS.

The German Press, while professing a strong desire that Germany should maintain a "correct attitude of neutrality," on the whole shows partiality to Russia's cause.

The "National Zeitung" describes "all English news of the war" as "inhuman inventories." The Paris "Figaro" yesterday expressed its fear that the first victories of Japan will confirm an indefinite prolongation of hostilities.

M. Cassagnac, in the "Autocrit," says the landing of Japanese troops in Korea is as decisive as his tactics. M. Clemenceau, writing to the "Aurore," says we see a new accomplish of history. He writes single-handed. It is the most astonishing political and social revelation known to history. It is evident that Russia's navy is insufficiently prepared, and it would be astonishing to find after that the army proved to be in excellent condition.

THE "DAILY MAIL" MAP.

A map of the Far East, prepared under the auspices of the "Daily Mail," which is published by George Philip and Son, Limited, at one billion and half a crown, shows all the towns, rivers, ways, and roads likely to be of interest in the conflict between Russia and Japan. The various territories are coloured. Treaty ports, fortifications, and dockyards are marked; and steamer routes are indicated with the distances in nautical miles. The map folds within a cover.

JAPANESE HAVE NO OATH.

An inquest was held yesterday on the body of a Japanese sailor, who fell from the mast of the steamer "Bingomaru," in the Albert Docks.

A difficulty arose in swearing the witnesses, as all the Japanese.

The interpreter said he had no experience of Japanese oaths. He, however, repeated his suggestion that they should simply sign a paper, stating they would speak the truth.

The Coroner in the end heard the witness without their being sworn.

At the inquest yesterday on the body of John Sprague, who was run over by a train at Paddington Station, a verdict of Suicide whilst temporarily insane was returned. He was fifty-eight years old, and leaves a widow and family.

Count Puerker, a German officer in the Cameroons, has been killed in a fight with the natives at Bassa.

The Archbishop of Canterbury has been promoted a Knight Grand Cross of the Victorian Order.

KOREANS WATCH THE SEA-FIGHT LIKE A HOLIDAY SHOW.



The people of Chemulpho, in their phlegmatic fashion, were much entertained by the fight off the harbour. Apparently they did not realise the sight as serious war. They crowded to the beach for all the world like a lot of yokels at a fair watching fireworks.

WORLD'S MOTOR SHOW.

Cars to Suit All Pockets for All Purposes.

Marcious have been the strides of the British automobile industry since 1896, when the four-mile-an-hour limit and the man with the red flag were abolished. Then Great Britain had not a solitary motor manufacturer. Yesterday, at the Crystal Palace Automobile Show, a thousand odd cars were shown by over two hundred and forty firms, the majority being British.

A new "British-built" car mention must be made. The "Crossley," built by the famous gas-engine makers of Manchester, and the six-cylinder 18-h.p. "Napier." There is also a new "Argyll," made by the Hozier Co., one of the few English firms that were enterprise enough to exhibit at the show; a new 9-h.p. "Gladiator," costing £200; probably the best four-seated car for the money; a new 18-h.p. "Siddeley"; and many others by British manufacturers.

Another sixcylinder car is the Wilson and Elwell Works of Armstrong and Co.

The Wolseley Company, who have the largest Motor Works in England, show some very fine cars.

The Japanese Minister has cabled her offer to his Government, and the belief is general that it will be accepted.

Three and a half minutes stands as a record for cablegrams to pass between Australia and London; Messrs. Lea and Francis show the chassis of their new car possessing many novel features; Mr. Samuel Barber at the half-yearly meeting of the Anglo-American Telegraph Company yesterday. This had been accomplished by the Pacific route.

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34-h.p. Ludgate, shown by Mr. Bentley, which seats two, and costs seventy guineas.

Many other natty little two-seaters are on view—the Yankee Oldsmobile, the Duryea, of American design, but now being made over here; the Vankoughen 34-h.p. New Orleans dog-cart (£280), the Pick voiturette, the "Little Star," and other "Runabouts," costing from seventy to two hundred guineas.

To get a really reliable four-seated car one must still pay 300 to 500 guineas, but we may look forward to a reduction soon.

Mr. Edge shows a magnificent 24-h.p. Pullman car.

AMERICAN NURSES FOR JAPAN.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

WASHINGTON, Thursday.

Dr. Anita Newcomb McGee, President of the American War Nurses' Association, yesterday again applied to the Japanese Minister for permission to take a corps of trained nurses for service under the Japanese Government, whether on the battlefields or in the hospitals.

Dr. McGee proposes to take at least one hundred nurses who served in the Spanish-American war. She favours the Japanese side, and says that the nurses generally take the same view.

Dr. McGee, a middle-aged and handsome brUNETTE, is the daughter of the noted American scientist, Simon Newcomb.

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DYNAMITE ON A LINER.

Sensational Discovery on the Majestic's Arrival at Liverpool.

When the White Star Liner Majestic reached Liverpool landing-stage on Thursday, one of the emigrant passengers, a young Slav named Ivan Sjubanovic, stepped cautiously down the gangway and into the Customs office, carrying a roughly-made wooden box.

While the usual examination was being made, the man appearing to offer every facility, a Customs officer discovered that the box had a false bottom.

This he carefully removed and found, to his amazement, 18lb. of dynamite lying underneath.

Sjubanovic was at once given into custody. On being searched at the Liverpool Bridewell, the Austrian was found to have 300 detonators about him.

Yesterday he was charged at the police court with having explosives in his possession under suspicious circumstances. A representative of the Austrian Consulate was present. Only formal evidence was given, and Sjubanovic was remanded for eight days.

It is said that he is the son of an Austrian farmer, and that a few years ago he went to America, where he eventually found work in the mines of the Western States.

The box in which the dynamite was discovered is about eighteen inches long by fifteen in width and depth. It was Sjubanovic's only piece of baggage, and on board he kept a watchful eye upon it, and rather amused some of his fellow passengers by the zeal with which he guarded his precious box from damage.

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THE SECRET OUT.

Mr. Joseph Chamberlain arrived at Marseilles yesterday morning, and left for Egypt at twelve o'clock by the P. and O. steamer Mongolian.

Mr. Balfour is convalescent, and will leave London this morning for a short holiday on the south coast.

The Liberal Unionists of South Birmingham today decided to invite Lord Morpeth to contest the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Powell Williams.

At a Finnish celebration at Helsingfors yesterday, an officious policeman ordered the flag on the British Consulate to be lowered. An apology was promptly forthcoming from his chief.

The Victory, after undergoing three months' repairs, necessitated by her collision with the Neptune, yesterday was taken back to her moorings in Portsmouth Harbour.

An explosion took place yesterday at Sir John Aird's quarries at Tidderham, Mon., resulting in the death of one man and serious injury to another.

The doctors commissioned to inquire into the mental state of the man Chairman Selik Loubau, who shot at Dr. Max Nordau with a revolver on November 19 last, have decided that he is not responsible for his actions, and he will be confined in a lunatic asylum.

The following telegram was received at the War Office yesterday afternoon from the officer commanding the lines of communication in Somaliland:—"State of health, condition of wounded: British officers and men all doing well. Remained good."

Field-Marshal Sir Evelyn Wood, V.C., has announced his intention of attending the funeral of the late veteran war correspondent, Mr. Charles Williams, which will take place at Nunhead Cemetery at 12.30 to-day.

FREE TRADE ELOQUENCE.

Mr. Lambton Throws a New Light on the Reasons for Mr. Chamberlain's Holiday.

The little group of Labour members who enjoy the privilege of a seat on the floor of the House of Commons contains no more striking personality than the hon. member for Derby. Tall, hard-headed, bronzed-complexioned, and of almost military appearance, Mr. Richard Bell has, by force of brains and character, risen from an obscure railway servant to a position of power in the counsels of his fellows.

The House of Commons always lends a patient and sympathetic ear to the genuine Labour member. It maintained its reputation in this respect yesterday, as in slow, clear emphasis, the ex-railway guard insisted that both organised and unorganised labour in this country had declared against protectionist proposals. Dumping advantaged the country in which it took place, and in the long run

Government were not running under the colours which were printed on the official card. It is the rule of the Turf that any trainer who commits such an offence shall be fined." Liberals and Tories alike laughed—the former in approval, the latter in derision.

Then the ex-Colonial Secretary, like King Charles's head, could not be kept out: "Because the rest of the world differs from us on the fiscal question, is the Colonial Secretary prepared to follow their lead in the matters of conscription, morals, and religion? Because there are more Mohammedans in the world than Christians, do I understand that the right hon. gentleman is contemplating a pilgrimage to Mecca, or is he hankering after the harems of the Turks?"

This was the joke of the night, and the speaker was unable to proceed for several minutes.

The debate was kept up energetically till half-

A SPOT THE JAPS KNOW WELL.



Pigeon's Bay, between Dalny and Port Arthur, where the Japanese Army landed ten years ago in the Chino-Japanese War, and where they will probably try again.

injured the dumper. Protectionist countries had been described as "Paradises—gardens of orchids."

The Liberals, apparently feeling the effects of the late sittings, merely smiled, and Mr. Austen Chamberlain, treating the sly allusion to the Highbury conservatories with indifference, proceeded to write a series of letters.

Scores of members rose to speak as Mr. Bell sat down, but it was the handsome and distinguished-looking member for Exeter who caught the Speaker's eye.

Bold Buccaneers.

Sir Edgar Vincent has a pretty wit. "The nine muses who in the absence of Apollo have provided music for the House" he began, "have but produced discord that pains and perplexes their followers. I hope that before the debate ends full harmony will be restored."

The House filled, and the free-traders became merry.

"The followers of the Government," continued Sir Edgar, "are now in the position of passengers in a ship who have faith in the captain, but some of the other officers of the ship have a bold buccaneer appearance, which suggests that they have sailed the Spanish Main with Captain Kidd, and that the ordinary commercial gentlemen will not be safe in their company."

The Opposition benches bubbled over with merriment.

Sir Edgar went merrily forward. "I have a profound admiration for Mr. Chamberlain, but I admire him rather as an orator than either as an economist or a man of business. He appears to me to enjoy to the full the poetical distaste and the oratorial contempt for facts."

Liberals went nearly mad with delight.

"Taking the trade of the British Empire as a whole only fifteen per cent. of it was carried on under protectionist principles, while 85 per cent. was done under free trade. So that the proposal now was to completely change the business system of the Empire in order to please the fifteen per cent."

A Cheerful Prophet.

"Protection," concluded the speaker—and his rich, deep, musical voice rang through the Chamber—"protection is altogether unsuited to the commercial needs of England, and it will imperil the safety, loyalty, and cohesion of the Empire."

The succeeding speeches were bright and vigorous. Mr. Duke, the elect of Plymouth, appealed to the Government to crystallise their intentions into definite proposals and indicate the form in which they would apply retaliation. Mr. Crombie contrasted the policy of the Government to an Imperial pin bottle tied with the most potent protectionist liquor, but which bore on the outside a glaring free trade label.

Mr. Lambton spoke in sporting parlance. "The

past five, and then the disappearance of the light in the clock tower indicated once more that Parliament was "up."

WHISKY QUESTIONS.

Next Monday, Mr. Kilbride, an Hibernian expert, will ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether, in view of the fact that English spirit obtained from such materials as glucose, molasses, rice, and sugar, simply reduced, coloured, bottled and labelled, is every week being made up and sent out by itself, as Irish or Scotch whisky; he will give instructions that such alcoholic drinks shall be properly described. The Chancellor will also be asked by Mr. MacVeagh,

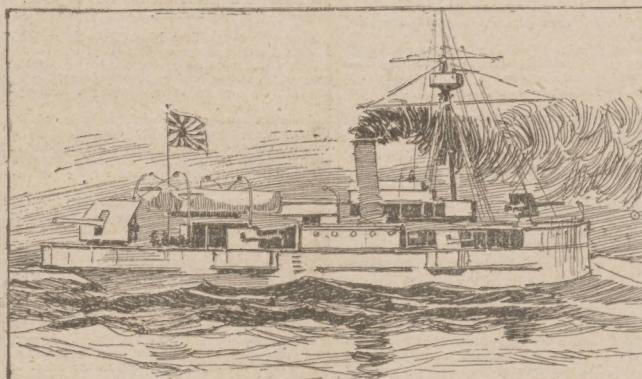
rainy, and consequently polling slackened. Up to three o'clock about 2,500 electors had voted out of over 11,000.

As the afternoon drew in and people came from their work it was feared that there might be some disorder; consequently several hundred additional police, who had been kept in readiness, were exhibited to the electorate.

Mr. Vicary Gibbs was very hopeful of success, and his agents estimated that by six o'clock he had obtained a thousand majority.

The attitude of the Irish Party is a matter of some speculation. We are able to state that no definite course will be arrived at until after the meeting of the Irish Nationalist Party. It has been summoned by Mr. Redmond to meet on

RUSSIAN AMBASSADOR'S CHAPERON.



The Baron von Rosen, the Russian Ambassador at Tokio, is very popular there. He had a farewell audience with the Emperor on Thursday, and yesterday the Japanese warship Akagi (shown in the picture) escorted him to the limit of the territorial waters when he left in the French steamer Yarra.

if he can see his way to prohibit the clearing from bond of whisky, rum, or brandy, until it has matured for three years.

There is a very general opinion among medical men that the increasing consumption of immature potable spirits is responsible for the alarming rise in the lunacy returns.

Monday in the Committee-Room of the House of Commons at twelve o'clock.

Amongst the well-informed people it is believed that, as a protest against Mr. Wyndham's speech on the Irish Roman Catholic University question, Mr. Redmond will lead his followers into the lobby in favour of Mr. Morley's amendment.

MID-HERTS POLLING.

Motor Cars in Large Demand by the Electorate.

The Mid-Herts electors trooped to the polling booths yesterday, where Mr. Vicary Gibbs, who resigned the seat owing to his firm's connection with the sale of Chilean warships to the Government, again sought election, and was opposed by a Liberal candidate in the person of Mr. Bamford Slack.

The weather was fine in the morning, and Mr. Gibbs started early on his motor-car for a tour of the constituency. Mrs. Bamford Slack, whose motor was prettily decorated with yellow favours, also made the round, and another car put off from the Liberal headquarters containing Mr. Bamford Slack and several of his supporters.

It was a motor-car election. The horseless carriages buzzed about St. Albans and were always sure of custom; for voters preferred to be driven to the booths in cars rather than in carriages, and even enjoyed the frequent breakdowns for which the automobile is celebrated.

Towards noon the weather changed from fine to

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WILL THE FAR EASTERN WAR LAST LONG?

A Great British General Gives Many Reasons for Thinking that It May Stop Soon.

One of the most famous generals in the British Army, whose record of service is probably second to none, discussed with a representative of the *Daily Illustrated Mirror* yesterday the prospects before the Japanese Army in a land encounter with the Russians. This question is much debated in naval and military clubs, and it gives rise to some apprehension lest the brave little Power should be ultimately overwhelmed by sheer weight of numbers.

"While realising that Japan has undertaken a Herculean task, I am yet pinning my faith to her resourcefulness and military efficiency, added to the advantageous position in which Japan now finds herself. The Russians may experience greater inconvenience from their vast numbers than the Japanese will suffer from the numerical limitations of their fighting forces."

In these sentences the British general indicated roughly why he entertained a sanguine view of Japan's chances off the water. There were other cogent reasons.

"Russia has an unconsciously long way to run, and very indifferent means of covering the distance," he said. "Japan is comparatively on the spot. That fact is of untold value."

"Prejudice apart—and I suppose I must confess a natural sympathy with Great Britain's ally—I would rather command the Japanese than the Russian army; that is, if I preferred to be on the winning side, which has generally been my happy experience as a lifelong British soldier."

All the same the general was not disposed to hold the Russian Army too lightly. He was quite sure that Britain learned a little about the folly of this so long ago.

Asked for his opinion of the Russian Army, both from numbers, he said that he believed it to be greatly inferior to the Japanese in many essential respects. The Russian Tommy Atkins was very instructed, and the Russian officer was a very perfunctory fighting man.

GO-TO-WAR Russian Officer.

"There are two distinct classes of officers in the Russian Army—the stay-at-home officer and the go-to-war officer. The fine fellows one sees in Moscow and St. Petersburg don't want to fight. The Russian Empire will be in very sore straits before these gentlemen hazard life and limb for their country. As a class the go-to-war officers are very indifferently skilled in the art of war. With the Japanese officers it is vastly different. They will compare favourably, in all that goes to the making of good leaders of men, with the officers of any army in the world. They are men who live well-ordered lives and in recent years have given up warfare has been a consuming passion with them. Nor are there any more intelligent or exemplary soldiers than the rank and file of the Japanese Army. They are the happiest, healthiest, and fittest little fellows alive."

This high military authority did not attach much importance to anything that has happened on land.

"I do not," he said, "believe much in blowing up railways in flat rolling country. As a rule such things do not retard an army on the march beyond a day at a time. In Natal, during the Boer War, it was different, by reason of the rough country in which the railways were laid. If the Russians were to blow up railway bridges over broad rivers—the broader the better—that would be a very serious affair for the Russian engineers."

Altogether, the outlook for Russia was by no means rosy one. The fact of war breaking out after the season of the year instead of immediately after the harvest—belligerents usually preferred that period—brought the Russians face to face with the grim problem of feeding their multitudinous army that was about as barren as the African veldt.

"Did you ever occur to you?" asked the great general, "that the war may come to a sudden stop before any big land battle takes place?"

"It seems to me that there are good reasons for the cessation of the continuance of hostilities. Of course, in such an event, Japan would have to declare the winner—rather a bitter pill for Kussia to swallow."

KANGAROO SOUP IN LONDON.

Kangaroo tails are on sale at a shop in Farringdon Street at two shillings each, and are being eagerly bought. Australians regard them as a great luxury, and will pay as much as four shillings for a good tail. It has not hitherto, however, been much asked for in England. Several smart-looking motor-cars drew up at the shop, bringing Australians who had heard of the supply of their favourite dainty. The Carlton, said an Australian gentleman, have Kangaroo-soup on the menu, but they soon will have.

NEARLY £2,000 FOR A SNUFF-BOX.

After the battle of Salamanca, whilst Joseph Wellington was retreating before the Duke of Wellington, a private soldier picked up a snuff-box upon the battlefield.

It was a rectangular object made of gold, and the scroll work of metal four small panels of enamel were embedded representing scenes from the story of Gil Blas, the whole being of Louis XV.

The soldier found the lid, though the lid was missing, and in his family it remained for some time to save the one on the lid, though the lid was gone. He bought the box for three guineas, and in his family it remained until it was put up to auction at Christie's yesterday.

Dr. George Allerton found the soldier in the act of removing the panels with his bayonet and was in time to save the one on the lid, though the lid was gone. He bought the box for a dozen guineas, and it would cover the lid, probably until it reached no less a figure than £1,850.

Business. Had the three absent enamels not been

missing the box would have been worth not much less than £2,000.

Other lots in the same sale included an old Sévres vase of the Louis XVI. period, sold for \$10 guineas; a pair of large Chinese vases and covers with flowers on a black ground, \$20 guineas; and a lovely miniature of a beautiful lady, by John Smart, 1782, 500 guineas.

MELINITE.

Melinite, the fumes of which Admiral Alexeieff says caused the death of Russian sailors, is a powerful explosive, in many respects similar to

OUR GALLANT YEOMEN.

A Widely Representative Force in High State of Efficiency.

Yeomanry regiments were at one time a butt for the shafts of ridicule. The South African war altered that idea, and the annual training return for 1903, just published, shows what an invaluable mounted reserve this force makes.

There are fifty-six regiments with a total establishment of 34,594 officers and men; of these 26,372

Yeomanry or their relatives. Much has been claimed by the War Office for the valuable assistance given by lending Government horses. As a matter of statistics, the Government provided 562 horses only. The remainder, 10,667, were hired.

The strongest regiments are the Cheshire, the Royal Wiltshire, and the Yorkshire Dragoons; while the Bedfordshire, the Dorsets, the Herts, the North, and also the South of Ireland, the West Kent, 4th London, and West Somerset are most in want of recruits.

THE "LITTLE FATHER" KISSED BY BOY OFFICERS.



When the Tsar left the Naval Cadet School on Wednesday, after his address to the students on their promotion to the service and coming war duties, they swarmed round his carriage, climbed on the roof, the steps, and the pole. One was half-way through the window. The Tsar was laughing, shaking hands, and receiving kisses of affection from the boys.

yddite, which the British used in the Boer war. It is obtained from picric acid, a powerful explosive in itself.

General Boulangier used melinite in 1886, and claimed for it fabulous powers—a claim which has not been fulfilled. It is very sensible to percussion or heat, but is generally regarded as being most dangerous to manipulate.

NEWS IN LITTLE.

At Prague ladies are for sanitary reasons prohibited from wearing trains.

Our Vienna correspondent states that all the diplomatic representatives at Belgrade have excused themselves from attending the Court Ball.

M. Leon Daudet, son of the late Alphonse Daudet, was yesterday afternoon wounded by Senator Delpach in a duel with swords near Paris.

Cablegrams from New York, received late last night, state Senator Hanna's condition to be alarming. Salt injections are being administered.

Osborne House, Cowes, will open on April 6 as a convalescent home for officers of the Army and Navy. Capt. Powell has been appointed governor and Miss Haines matron.

The Rev. Reginald Colley, the Provincial of the English province of the Society of Jesus, died suddenly yesterday morning at Stoneyhurst from asthma and congestion of the lungs.

Yesterday Mr. J. Edward Waller, C.E., said, before the Royal Traffic Commission, that the creation of a "Street Traffic Board" was the only way to deal with the problem in London.

Lord Allerton, chairman of the Great Northern Railway, states that their City tube will be open on Monday next, thus placing the company in an unequalled position to deal with suburban traffic.

The Bishop of Castellammare di Stabia, in Italy, has proved a veritable knight-errant to a damsel in distress. He rescued her from the brutalities of a labourer, and gave his assailant into custody.

The chairman of the North-Eastern Railway dismisses criticism by the saving grace of candour. He admits the passenger service is unsatisfactory on branch lines, and promises to effect an improvement by the introduction of autocars.

In the House of Lords last night the Marquis of Lansdowne informed Earl Spencer that the rumour that we had given the use of Wei-hai-Wei to the Japanese as a base for their operations was entirely without foundation.

It is recognised that the division on Monday next will be a very critical one. Although there would seem to be little foundation for the rumours current yesterday, yet it must be recognised that in all probability the majority by which Ministers will be sustained can be but a small one.

"Dr." Deighton, of Durham, a veteran athlete, sixty-one years of age, who last week walked the 300 miles between London and Newcastle in six days, starts, Monday week, on the 1,000 miles journey between Land's End and John o' Groats, which he hopes to complete in twenty-seven days.

are enrolled, and no fewer than 23,779 were present at training—a remarkably high percentage of efficiency.

It will be a pleasant surprise to many of the critics of the force to learn that, out of 22,610 horses, 11,381 were owned by members of the

ROYAL SYMPATHY.

The King was represented at the memorial service for Canon Ainger, at the Temple Church yesterday, by the Rev. Edgar Sheppard, sub-dean of the Chapels Royal.

A LONG WAY OVER A BROOK.



The Koreans are a topsy-turvy people. They build their bridges in the shape of a mushroom. Possibly because crossing a small stream is a longer walk that way.

Our drawing is from a photograph taken by a traveller in Korea.

YESTERDAY'S LAW AND POLICE.

SOLACED WITH DAMAGES.

The Hay Case Concludes with a Verdict for the Plaintiffs, Who Receive £1,160.

In the King's Bench Division yesterday, before Mr. Justice Wills and a special jury, the hearing was concluded of the action E. Underwood and Son v. F. Lloyd (Limited).

The action was brought by a firm of hay and straw merchants and forage contractors to recover from the proprietors of the "Daily Chronicle" damages for £161 contained in a series of articles reflecting upon plaintiffs in regard to the quality and condition of some hay supplied by them to the War Office during the war in South Africa. The defence was a plea of fair comment, and also a qualified plea of justification.

Evidence having been called as to detail, Mr. Lawson Walton put in, in mitigation of damages, an article published in the "Daily Chronicle," setting out an interview with Mr. H. Underwood by a representative of the "Westminster Gazette," which gave plaintiff's account of the matter, and put the rejection of the hay down to blundering officialism. The "Daily Chronicle" said they agreed with the "Westminster Gazette," that the Government, having paid for the hay and the injustice of their conduct having been pointed out, should take steps to put it in place. Messrs. Underwood's name is on the list of contractors, and Mr. Underwood, as a member of the Commission of the Peace, from which the Lord Chancellor so unceremoniously removed him. Counsel also put in a passage of the report of the Committee to the effect that it appeared to be admitted by all parties that some portion of the hay was quite unfit for shipment.

At 4.20 the jury retired, and after an absence of forty minutes, found for the plaintiffs, with £160 special damage and £1,000 general damage. They also found that the greater part of the hay delivered was of good quality, although some mow-burnt hay had been improperly included in it, and that the hay had suffered a certain amount of damage on the quayside from causes not under the control of the plaintiffs.

The learned Judge therupon gave judgment for the plaintiffs for £1,160, with costs.

KITCHEN INTRIGUE.

The Events which Led to "The Show Being Given Away."

The story of the curious doings of a very unhappy Chiswick household was told before Mr. Justice Barnes yesterday, when Mrs. Fanny Harrison asked for a divorce from her husband, who, she said, had been guilty of an intrigue with one of her servants, Minnie.

Almost from their wedding day in 1889—Mrs. Harrison, who is petite and pretty, told the Court—her husband had been cruel to her. But for a long time she did not suspect him of infidelity.

His goings on with Minnie, a girl who had helped her, and sympathised with her when she was badly treated, she discovered in the following remarkable manner.

Minnie had asked her for some money, and this Mrs. Harrison refused to give her. The girl then went to Mr. Harrison, and the latter also refused, and swore,

"Very well," said Minnie, nettled at his rude refusal, "I will tell the missus all."

"This she did." Mrs. Harrison taxed her husband with the wrong, but he declared it was "all a pack of lies."

Then he went downstairs to the kitchen, and Mrs. Harrison, following him unobserved, heard him blame the girl for "giving the show away."

On this Mrs. Harrison vowed herself, and Mr. Harrison had to make a confession of it all. He implored his wife's forgiveness, saying that he would shoot himself if he failed to obtain it.

Mr. Harrison said: Then shoot yourself.

After that they separated, and Mr. Harrison wrote a letter beginning: "Dear Phyllis—I am utterly hopeless. You are too cruel."

Mrs. Harrison obtained her divorce.

COARDLY CONDUCT REWARDED.

At the Old Bailey yesterday, before Mr. Justice Philimore, Walter Albert, twenty-two, a sailor, was charged with feloniously wounding Mr. Harry Freeth, a clerk, with intent to murder him, and with stealing from him a watch-chain whilst travelling in a first-class carriage in a North London train, between Broad-street and Dalston.

The jury found the prisoner guilty of unlawful wounding, and, in passing sentence, the Judge remanded him. Walter Albert, I am going to surprise you. The view that the jury and I take of your case is that you are a coward. I do not mean that you are a coward in the ordinary way, but that was the effect of drink upon you. You were filled with suspicious fears, and this led you to be cruel. I will at once put an end of your pain by telling you what sentence I am about to pass. It is that you be kept to hard labour for fifteen calendar months."

100 CONVICTIONS IN TWENTY YEARS.

Margaret Hearne, a muscular woman, with a stentorian voice, who has earned the sobriquet of "Mog, the Fireman," was brought before Mr. Fenwick at Bow-street yesterday on a charge of disorderly conduct.

Assistant-gaoler Soper said the prisoner had been convicted at that court upwards of 100 times during the last twenty years. A sentence of one month with hard labour was passed.

LADY DRIVER'S NERVES.

At the City Summons Court yesterday Edith James, of County-terrace, New Kent-road, was summoned for driving a horse and phæton to the common danger of the public on the Victoria Embankment.

She pleaded losing her nerve, but Sir Marcus Samuel told her she should not drive in the City if she could not retain her nerve, and imposed a fine of 10s., with costs.

THE DE LISLE DIVORCE SUIT.

The Marquis Says that Nothing He Did Seemed to Please His Wife.

The De Lisle divorce case was the attraction that brought a great number of fashionably-dressed people into Divorce Court No. 1. yesterday.

It is the social position of the principal parties to the suit rather than any romance connected with their unhappy married life that has made the case interesting.

The Marquise de Lisle (Yvonne Louise Marie



Gerard Lisle March Phillips, Marquis de Lisle, of Onenarrow, Leicestershire, who has filed an answer to his wife's petition for divorce denying the charges.

Huguette) is seeking a divorce from her husband the Marquis on the usual grounds of cruelty, etc.

When the Marquise gave evidence on Wednesday and Thursday the court was cleared. It was

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hear him were the Prince and Princess de Cassano, who had previously given evidence in support of the Marquise's case.

The Court adjourned until to-day, when the Marquis will be cross-examined by Mr. Rufus Isaacs.

REALITY V. ROMANCE.

A Hunting Incident which has been Followed by an Unromantic Divorce.

When Mr. Gerald Crane in the hunting-field rushed to the help of the wife who had deserted him, a complete reconciliation ought to have taken place, and they ought to have lived happily together ever afterwards.

But Mr. Crane, who is a horse dealer and gentleman farmer, yesterday found himself seeking a divorce from his wife, who, having as she thought obtained a sufficient divorce from him already in South Dakota, is now living at Gisborne, in Yorkshire, as the wife of an engineer, Mr. Arthur Wyndgate-Saul.

The reason Mrs. Crane gave for leaving Mr. Crane, with whom she lived on amiable terms some years, was that she wished to stay with her father, a gentleman of considerable wealth. Her father, she said, could provide her a better home than could her husband. So to her father's house she went.

That was the domestic position when Mrs. Crane fell in the hunting-field, and saw the husband whom she had left the first at her side.

There was, indeed, a partial reconciliation. Out of gratitude Mrs. Crane promised to return to her husband's home. In a few days she regretted this promise, and wrote to say so.

Some time after this Mr. Crane received a summons to defend a divorce action which his wife was bringing against him in the "Circuit Court" of South Dakota. He took no notice of it.

In his absence the South Dakota "Circuit Court" decided that "he had disregarded the solemnity of his marriage vows by deserting Mrs. Crane," and that lady found herself free, in the opinion of South Dakota at least, to marry again.

She married Mr. Arthur Wyndgate-Saul, the son of Dr. Wyndgate-Saul of Lancaster, and settled down with him in a house hired from Lord Ribblesdale in Yorkshire.

Mr. Crane, a finely-built man, dressed in country fashion, told his story in a blunt matter-of-fact way, and was awarded a proper English divorce.

CARPENTER'S "FORTUNE."

A Devonshire Estate as a Reward for Saving a Lady's Life.

Alfred Fountain Setfield, sixty-nine, a carpenter, of Heath-villas, The Vale, Hampshire, was charged at North London Police Court yesterday, with obtaining by false pretences from Mr. Fred Hodge, wholesale frimonger and builder, merchant, of Archway-road, Upper Holloway, residing at Bishop's-avenue, East Finchley, nearly £231 with intent to defraud.

Mr. Hodge said he had been in the morning the prisoner stopped him on his way to the office and said he had purchased "Meadowside," a detached private house in Bishop's-avenue, and required some material in his fits to finish the house. Having previously heard from an estate agent that the prisoner had come in for a fortune and an estate in Devonshire he readily supplied the materials.

Later, prisoner called at his office and said: "Will you oblige me with a loan of £50 against my post-dated cheque for £60 in fourteen days? I have come into an estate in Devonshire under the will of Miss Amelia Coates, of Totnes, I am to receive £3,000 in cash together with the residue, which is valued at £15,000." The witness gave him a cheque at once.

On another occasion prisoner called upon him and asked him for a loan of £150, as he had to pay for it.

Witness on a later date received a letter from defendant, saying he had received a cheque for £5,000 from the estate; that he intended to get it cashed at once, and would call and pay all that was due. The witness wrote his congratulations, but the appointment for payment was never kept.

Inspector Smale, of Scotland Yard, repeated evidence of arrest, and mentioned that prisoner had alleged that he had been left the lady's life on Highgate Hill. Prisoner was remanded.

FOILED BY FAINT-HEARTEDNESS.

At the Old Bailey yesterday, Frederick Bangham, describing himself as an actor, was found guilty of forging and uttering two cheques for £608 and £340.

By means of an artifice, he obtained a cheque-book, he forged a cheque for £608 on the solicitor's account. He repeated this practice with a Lombard-street firm, but failed on that occasion to cash the cheque owing to the faint-heartedness of a comrade. For a long time he had evaded arrest, but eventually he was apprehended.

The Common-Sergeant passed sentence of seven years' penal servitude. Bangham, who had been very ill, had to be assisted from the dock.

DRAGGED FROM THE DOCK.

At the Old Bailey yesterday, John O'Brien, forty-six, coster; Walter Rice, nineteen, coster; Thomas Hart, twenty-four, porter; and George Harrison, twenty-three, tailor, were convicted of feloniously wounding Nellie Neutin in a house in Poplar.

The Recorder sentenced Rice to six years' penal servitude, and the others to four years each. It was only after a struggle that the dock. "Not all of you can get me down if I don't choose to go," he shouted; the next moment, however, he was led hurriedly down the steps.

A pauper, sent to prison at Southwark yesterday for absconding from the workhouse and for stealing clothing, offered the excuse that he had gone in search for hidden treasure in Kent.

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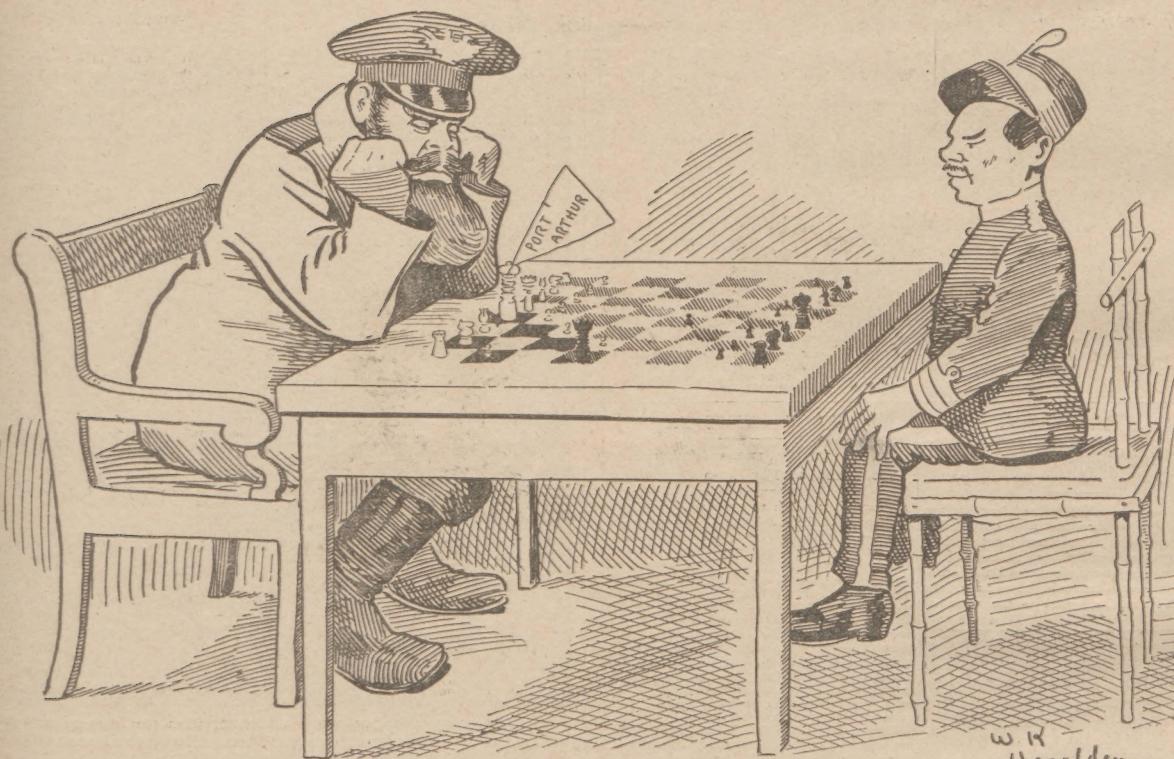
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The little Jap has played his first moves exceedingly well—so well that our artist suggests he already has the game in his hands. The moves played have been as follows:—Russia (white) Pawn to Kt. 4 (Knight's fourth square), to which Japan (black) replied with the strong and strategically correct move Pawn to K. 4 (King's fourth square). Russia's second move was the fatal P. to B. 3. To the amateur this would seem to support the Knight's Pawn, but in reality it makes it possible for Japan to move his Queen to R. 4, and thus declare "Fool's mate."

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The Daily Illustrated Mirror.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1904.

TO-DAY'S REFLECTIONS.

In One Short Week.

The first week of the war ends to-day. Last Saturday we were still speculating as to whether little Japan could stand up against the Power which has dominated Eastern Asia for so many years. This Saturday we are wondering how long Russia will be able to hold out against the dash and determination of her ingenious and enterprising foe. How is it that the situation has altered so completely in the course of a few days? What are the lessons to be learnt from the vastly improved position of Japan and the vastly worsened chances of Russian victory?

There is only one lesson, and that is the old, old lesson which Britons need to learn very badly. The moral of the first week of war is "Be Prepared." The Japanese have been for years preparing for this past week, and for the weeks, and possibly months, that are to follow. They knew exactly what they were going to do when war broke out. Every step in their campaign had been carefully planned after much thought, long before war was in sight.

Just as Moltke and his General Staff had settled what the German armies must do whenever they went to war with France, so did the Japs settle clearly in their minds the line they must take as soon as they came to blows with Russia. They put no trust in the possibility of "muddling through." They did not assume that there would be time to make plans when war broke out. They imitated the Germans, in short, and not their allies in Great Britain.

And, furthermore, their diplomatic action and their naval and military preparations went hand in hand. That is where they scored most heavily over Russia, which went

on negotiating without at the same time preparing to fight, and gave Japan the opportunity of choosing her own time to begin. We made just the same mistake in 1899. Our politicians acted as if there were no chance of war, and therefore when war broke out we were unprepared for it. It is true we were able to live down the ill-fortune which we met with at the outset, but should we have been able to do so if we had been fighting the Japanese instead of the Boers?

The announcement that the "Daily News" is to come down to a halfpenny at once has followed hard upon the news of the "Daily Chronicle's" intention to make this change at the end of the month. Both the Liberal dailies are thus taking a hint from the *Daily Illustrated Mirror*, and their wisdom in doing so cannot be gainsaid. The future lies with the halfpenny paper. Both America and France have already proved this, and all our experience in England goes to establish the fact beyond question. But it is not merely a low price which will sell a paper. The principle upon which we have gone is that of supplying for a halfpenny a paper which is better in its way than anything else in the market, whatever the price, and that is the only policy which can lead to success.

BREAKFAST TABLE TALK.

The wireless system of telegraphy has been introduced on the Stock Exchange, and, as a consequence, the wire-pullers are afraid of losing their jobs.

Major-General Pfug has been appointed Q.M.G. of Admiral Alexeiff's field staff. General Pfug should prove useful as a stop-gap if in no other capacity.

The Russians are born fatalists, so that any damage that may be done by Japan to the Trans-Siberian Railway is likely to be permanent. Your Russian knows it is no use railing against fate.

The heading in a morning contemporary's home news "Serious assault on a battleship" might lead the uninitiated to believe that the

war had spread to Europe. It was, however, one Private Merritt who assaulted a bombardier. The reward of Merritt, by the way, was seven years.

Mr. F. T. Jane says that "nothing can excuse the criminal folly of Admiral Stark in being caught as he was." It would be more charitable to bring in a verdict of temporary insanity. Stark madness, in fact.

A writer in "Golfing" says it seems a pity that golf-courses should generally be so beautifully situated, for to lovers of scenery it is apt to be more distracting than the interest of the game will allow.

Oh, give to me an arid waste,
A desert steppes and wild,
A spot which most would flee in haste,
Where Nature never smiled.
No note of grandeur it must own,
It must be strictly tame,
Or else I find my mind is prone
To wander from the game.

No placid cow, no brawling sheep
Must e'er stand at all,
Or else I simply cannot keep
My eye upon the ball.
All dear, dumb creatures are my friends,
But 'tis beyond a joke,
When looking at their beauties tends
To put one off one's stroke.

To me a leaden sky is sweet,

Without one gleam of blue,

No flowers must bloom beneath my feet

With gay, distracting hue.

And all around I love to see
One stretch of toneless grey;

I come for golf, not scenery,

And golf I mean to play.

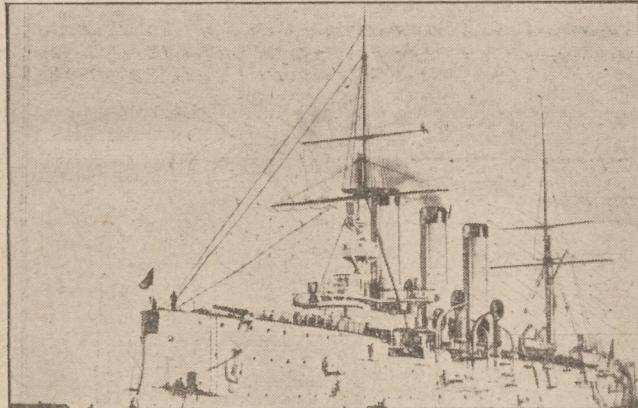
The ranks of the unemployed will shortly be considerably swelled, as it is announced that no letters addressed to Mr. Chamberlain will be forwarded while he is away. Telegrams to "Joseph, Egypt," may, however, possibly find him.

Naval experts in America express great satisfaction at the Japanese victories. An analysis of their statements shows that the opening events of the war have triumphantly vindicated 187 theories, each of which differs from all the others in essential particulars.

In spite of appearances the look-out kept by the Russians at Port Arthur must have been far better than was supposed. It has enabled the naval authorities at St. Petersburg to publish a list of the casualties suffered by the Japanese during the long-range action!

PICTURES OF PLACES, EVENTS, AND PEOPLE

RUSSIAN SHIP IN PORT AGAIN.



The cruiser Pallada, which was beached outside Port Arthur, seriously injured by the Japanese torpedoes, has been brought into the inner harbour. The majority of the Russian wounded belong to this vessel. They were poisoned by the fumes of melinite gases from the exploded torpedo.

WAR AND TRADE.

Japan's Imports and Exports Likely to be Unaffected by Hostilities.

Anxious merchants in England and America have been wondering how the war will affect trade between their respective countries and Japan. English and Americans have had cause for anxiety; for between them they do more trade with that country than all the rest of the world put together. In 1902 England sent her goods to the value of



LIEUT.-GENERAL LINIEVITCH,
One of General Kropatkin's lieutenants. He was commander-in-chief of Russia's military force during the Boxer rising.

£10,618,643, and received over five and a half million pounds' worth, while the United States' imports and exports with Japan amounted to £13,157,076.

"If we win," said Mr. Minoji Arakawa, the Japanese Consul in London, when questioned on this point. "I do not think the war will have any appreciable effect on our imports and exports. Of course, many men may be taken from their trades to fight, and so we may not produce as much as in peace time; but, on the other hand, our people will be economising and consuming less in the country. So I expect there will be exports to much the same value as usual."

"And we must go on importing materials from England. We must go on with business, for we have to earn the money to keep the war going."

"At present I have heard of no dislocation of trade, and I do not expect any. If Russia had got command of the sea it might have been different; but there does not seem much prospect of her getting that, does there?"

Our chief exports to Japan are machinery, iron, steel, cotton yarn and stuffs, and ships. Japan sends us silks, straw plait, refined copper and drugs.

FASHION'S LATEST FANCY.

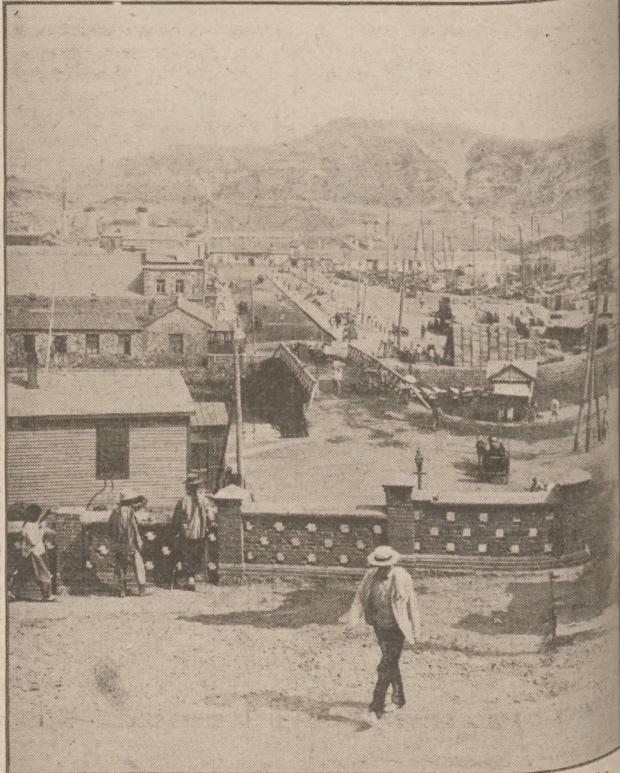
Demand for Japanese Modes Shows the Trend of Feminine Sympathy.

Straws show which way the wind is blowing; the modes of the moment are showing to which side the sympathies of Englishwomen incline in the present struggle in the Far East.

The Japanese kimono had long been popular in this country as a loose robe for indoor wear; now it is making its appearance as a theatre wrap, and, in some instances, as a dinner gown. The fashion for women to wear their hair very low is waning in popularity, for they are now coiling their tresses in the Japanese style on the top of the head, and hair-dressers are receiving imperative demands for the "very latest" in Japanese coiffures. Hair-ornaments also are being worn, tucked in over each ear in the manner adopted by the geisha.

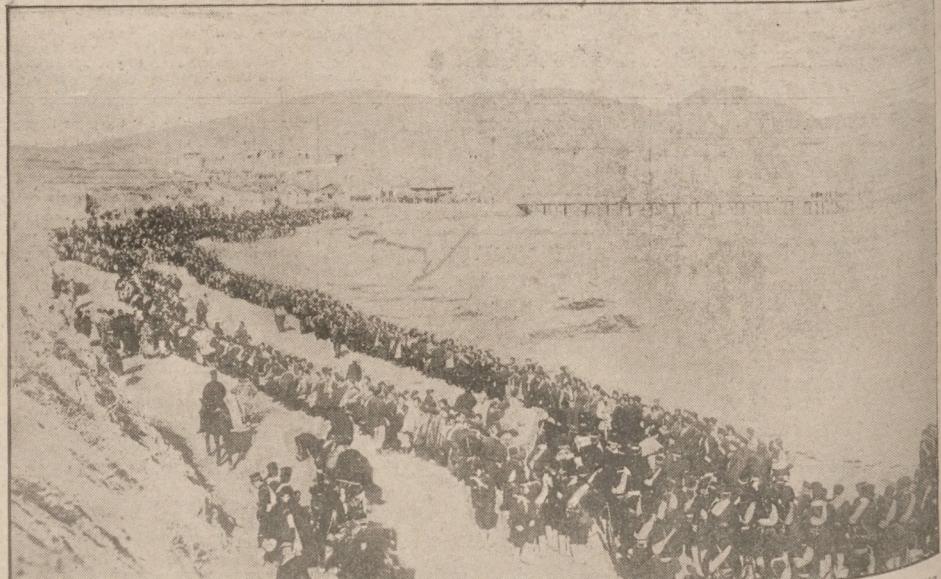
Chrysanthemums, wistaria, and lotus flowers are asked for at the florists, and promise to be the fashionable flowers of the season. White

THE TSAR'S INSECURE STRONGHOLD.



Port Arthur, where the war started in earnest when the Japanese crept upon the Russian ships in harbour and torpedoed them. Thousands of tons of Welsh coal (Stereograph Copyright) have been shipped there for the Russians. (Underwood & Underwood)

JAPANESE TROOPS LANDING.



The soldiers of the Mikado are disembarking from their transports every day in thousands on the south coast of Korea. It is said that the Japanese will have a harder fight on land with their enemies than on the sea. (L. P. Edwards)

RUSSIAN SOLDIERS NOT IDLE.



The troops of the Tsar parading before they leave their home and country to fight for the honour of their flag in Korea.

(Photo by Bulla.)

Japanese fans have for the nonce completely ousted the tiny flower and feather fans which have reigned supreme for so long.

The Japanese play "The Darling of the Gods" is more than ever high in popular favour, and music from Japanese plays is heard at all places of popular resort.

CAUGHT BY A LION.

A young keeper engaged in cleaning a lion's cage in a menagerie at Pilzen, Bohemia, neglected to take necessary precautions, with the result that one of the animals attacked him and inflicted terrible injuries to his right arm. The attendants' screams brought assistance, but it was with great difficulty that he was rescued.

AN ELDERLY RECRUIT.

The Radical Party have long felt the want of a representative halfpenny morning paper. On Monday next this reproach will be removed, as the "Daily News" will then follow the most brilliant examples in modern journalism and place the ranks of the popular "halfpennies," and those essentials of size and reading matter it will remain exactly as at present.

PROMINENT IN CURRENT WAR NEWS.

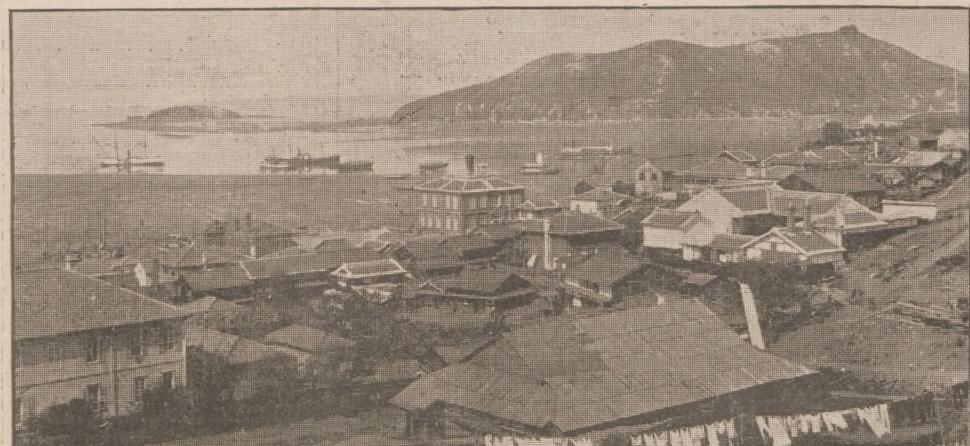
JAPAN AND BOXERS.

Will the "Righteous Harmonious Fists" Rise Against the Russians?

Telegrams from Chifu and Shanghai report that Chinese, unofficially recognised as Government troops, are operating on the Russian railways. It is stated that the Japanese have been distributing arms among the Chinese, and that their agents are endeavouring to incline them against the Russians.

It is expected that they will attack the railway yards on hearing of the Russian disasters. That they shall hear of these happenings is certain. The Japanese in Pekin, for instance, wires Reuter, are distributing, free of charge, special editions of newspapers containing reports of Japanese successes. The sympathies of the "Boxers" are enlisted on the Japanese side, they will be of immense assistance and, in their own irregular way, will create disensions on the Russian lines of communications. The "Boxers" are a sort of cross between a Masonic secret society and a Freemason society. They became famous because of their attempts to turn the whole of the foreigners out of China in 1900. Their real name is translated literally, "the Righteous Government," and when they sought to put them down they explained that they were but pious Chinamen with a love for gymnastics, hence the word "fists." The secret society, with which many experts

WHERE THE JAPS LANDED TROOPS.



Chemulpho, the port of Seoul, is a difficult place for landing troops. The tide rises twenty-seven feet and recedes seven miles, leaving rocks and muddy channels through which the sea washes with great violence.



A group of Japanese refugees on board a ship at Sasebo. They had left Vladivostok by order of the Russian Governor because they were subjects of the Mikado.

The "Boxers" are connected, has some three million members, and a wonderful organisation gives it power all over China. It is remarkable as possible that the astute Japanese have remained in this society that now is the time to get him out. He is brave. Before fighting he always admits he is brave. Before fighting he always believes that he is invulnerable from bodily harm, and charges the enemy with the ferocity of a Dervish chieftain.

The German occupation of Kiau-Chau is supposed to have caused the extreme hatred of the Chinese for foreigners. Kiau-Chau is in the Shantung peninsula, which is peculiarly sacred to the Chinese, as it is there Confucius was born.

SHAKESPEARE ILLUSTRATED.
Original Drawings of Mr. Abbey, R.A.,
at the Leicester Galleries.

To illustrate the comedies of Shakespeare is a task fraught with difficulties unending; the very equal of the bard's inspiration makes an almost equal versatility essential to the success of such an enterprise.

No one at the present day is better fitted than Mr. Edwin A. Abbey to translate into line the thoughts of Shakespeare. In 1899 Messrs. Harper published an edition of the comedies with illustrations by this artist, and the original drawings for this work are now on view at the Leicester Galleries.

Of the hundred and twenty-seven drawings shown some are, of course, vastly superior to others in conception and execution. Among the finest may be mentioned "The Oracle Defied," a scene from "Much Ado About Nothing," full of life and remarkably dramatic in composition.

"The Impudent Cartoon."
In another room are shown a number of drawings by Frederick Sandys and other followers of the Pre-Raphaelite Brotherhood. It is strange that Sandys, who afterwards followed Millais, should have been the author of the scathing parody of Millais' well-known picture, "Sir Isumbras at the Ford," in which the place of the knight is occupied by Millais himself, riding between the Devil and Polymnia Hunt, whilst the ass on which he is riding bears the initials of John Ruskin. The cartoon was not published anonymously in 1857, as its name transpired. Shortly afterwards, at the Langham Sketch Club, Sandys heard someone

saying, "Young man, are you the author of that impudent cartoon of the pre-Raphaelite Brotherhood?"

"I am," acknowledged the young artist. "And a d—d clever thing it is," retorted the other; "my name is Rossetti, come and dine with me." From that day, Sandys and Rossetti were the closest of friends.



A train waiting in a station on the Manchurian railway, 30 miles from Vladivostok. The carriages on this line are like horse-boxes, and the coaches, so travellers say, Photo by [unclear].

STATE TRAVELLING IN QUAINTE KOREA.



The Emperor of Korea is carried through the streets of Seoul, his capital, in a chair which always attracts a crowd of the slow-moving, queer-hatted people, five of whom, when digging is to be done, go to one spade.

THE ROSE AND THE SHAMROCK.

England Meets Ireland in an International Rugby Championship Match at Blackheath To-day.

STREET LAMP AND MATCH.

Royal Visitors Witnessed Racing at Sandown Park.

English jumpers have been well engaged in the Grand Steeplechase de Paris of 4,800 sovs., where will be found John M.P., Leinster, Patlander, and Manlicher. On the Wednesday following (June 8) is the Auteuil Grand Hurdle Race of 2,000 sovs., and here are John M.P., Mark Time, Karakou, and Kinrara, so English sportsmen enjoy some chance of appropriating both prizes, to cement the "entente cordiale."

Baron de Forest, who has gone on a yachting trip for his honeymoon, is more given to motoring than to horse racing, though he will, when thirty years of age, inherit a considerable amount of the money left by the late Baron Hirsch, owner of Vasistas (winner of the Chester Cup) and the peerless La Fleche. His wife is a daughter of the late Lord Gerard, who used to train with Captain Machell, but afterwards gave £5,000 for Exeter House, Newmarket, rented Middleton Cottage, and employed W. Robinson (the present Foxhill trainer) at a salary of £500 a year and a house to live in to act as his private trainer.

Robinson will long recollect the Lammas Lands at Warwick, for it was there that he rode his very first winner, and it was also at Warwick that he turned out his first success after being appointed trainer to Lord Gerard, when Tommy Loates got home on Sant Ilaro in the Stoneleigh Maiden Plate in 1890.

Lord Gerard was somewhat eccentric. A lad named Edwards, attached to Jewitt's stable, rode his horse, Crofton, to victory in the Stewards' Cup at Goodwood. His lordship at once took a fancy to the young jockey, and promoted him to the post of private trainer, so he was a stable lad, apprentice, jockey, and trainer all in a brief twelve months. But not long after he was appointed to the post of land steward to his lordship, and Robinson became his trainer.

Strangely enough, Baron de Forest's first wife (who was the widow of the late M. Menier, of chocolate fame, and who used to also own some racehorses) is preparing for a yachting tour in the Mediterranean. Her only daughter is regarded as one of the most beautiful children in Europe.

"Taken at the Flood."

Messrs. Frail command the sympathies of racegoers at being flooded out once more at Windsor. Nevertheless they deserve felicitations for being sufficiently considerate to let owners and trainers know there will, in all probability, be no racing, as the course on the Rays Mead is at present submerged.

Cranky "anti-everythings" rejoice to learn that the Home Secretary will regard with a favourable eye the introduction into Parliament, by a private member, of a Bill to deal with street betting, which will naturally place additional powers in the hands of the police and amateur detectives, without in any way diminishing the volume of wagering that is certain to go on so long as the general public feel disposed to back their fancies.

We are becoming as much accustomed to rain as inhabitants of the hills of the Lake District, and simply expect to get wet through if we venture out of doors. This kind of thing has its advantages, as we go racing as a matter of fact, and do not expect fine weather. It has an extraordinary effect upon the form of horses, and some of the animals now successful will be down the course if we have a dry March. The attendance at Sandown Park was yesterday a flattering one, and showed that the efforts of Mr. Loraine are appreciated, but the sooner the executive proceed with the covering to the cheap ring the more rapidly will they earn the thanks of the humble racegoer.

In the chief enclosure were some well known faces, and amongst distinguished visitors, who had been over as guests at the royal wedding, were the Queen of Württemberg, Princess Waldeck-Pyrmont, the Prince of Bentheim, and the Hereditary Prince and Princess of Wied. The royal party was attended by Sir Robert Collins.

Rain and Rainfall.

As the downpour never ceased whilst visitors were walking across the park, or sought to dry themselves with liquid sunshine, what more natural than that they should stand on Rainfall to be all-conquering in the Village Hurdle Race? The ground was very sloppy on the lower side, and it became evident that stamina was the chief desideratum. R. Woodland's mount, Hopeless II., who is trained on the Purley downs, when they find some respectable going, led throughout, and thus the meteorological tip went the way of most weather forecasts. The genial Epsom trainer, "Bill" Holt, bought the winner (who cost E. Woodland 29 guineas at Plumpton) for 310 guineas, acting on behalf of Mr. Kerne, and the four-year-old probably goes to Germany.

The jumper, Foxhill, was put up to auction before racing began, and bought in at 540 guineas.

Eight of the competitors for the Prince of Wales's Steeplechase are engaged in the Grand National, but one cannot gauge their chances, for, what with the weather and the time needed for proper preparation, none were fit, and all looked wretched. Having regard to the state of the going, Drumcree did not make favourite, that honour being bestowed upon Pride of Mabestown,

who had come from Newmarket, without being accompanied by Band of Hope. Leamington was a fancy, whilst Napper Tandy (stable companion of Drumcree), with only a small penalty for recent success, was liked.

From the start Drumcree did not relish the heavy ground, and was tailed off for the best of the distance. Pride of Mabestown was soon down. Other falls took place, and Leamington might have won but for an irretrievable blunder at water jump the second time round. Cottleshope appeared in front when the hill was reached, and was not passed by Napper Tandy until he had jumped the final hurdle, after which Dwyer's mount won easily, though boring away across the course.

This led to an objection, which costs Mr. Levy a "fiver," as the stewards, Lord Rendlesham and Lord Marcus Beresford, decided against him, and charged him the deposit for wasting their time.

The Match Struck.

The proposed match between Leinster and Easter Ogue has been postponed by mutual consent, and, as a result, the order of running at Sandown Park to-day will be rearranged. Easter Ogue ricked his

RACING RETURNS.

SANDOWN PARK.—FRIDAY.

1.30.—THE VILLAGE SELLING HURDLE RACE of 100 yards.—Total Purses, £100.

Mr. E. Woodland's HOPELESS II., 4 yrs., 10st 7lb.

Mr. R. W. Burrows's RAINFALL, 4 yrs., 10st 7lb.

Mr. H. Bottomley's MORNINGDEW, aged, 11st 7lb.

Also ran—Wild Apple (5 yrs., 11st 3lb), Fantastic (5 yrs., 11st 3lb), Aslington (aged, 11st 7lb).

Betting—1 to 2 Wild Apple, 10 to 1 Morningdew, and 20 to 1 Aslington. Won by three lengths; a bad third.

Hopeloe was 10 to 1, and Mr. Holt for 220 guineas.

2.0.—THE PRINCE OF WALES'S STEEPELCHASE of 200 yards. About three miles and a half.

Sir C. Nugent's NAPPER TANDY, aged, 9st 11lb.

Mr. C. Levy's COTTLESHOPE, aged, 9st 7lb.

Mr. H. Bottomley's CUSHENDUN, aged, 10st 7lb.

Also ran—Drumcree (aged, 11st 6lb), The Prince of Mabestown (aged, 11st 6lb), Librete (5 yrs., 11st 1lb), Leamington (5 yrs., 11st 1lb), Strategy (5 yrs., 10st 9lb), Seisdon Prince (5 yrs., 10st 9lb), The Chief (aged, 10st 1lb), Glenrocky (aged, 10st 9lb), Queen Bee (aged, 9st 12lb).

Betting—7 to 2 1st 2nd The Prince of Mabestown, 9 to 2 to 2 Drumcree, 5 to 1 Leamington, 7 to 1 Napper Tandy, and 10 to 8 each the others. Won by three lengths; six lengths di-

THE RIVAL BLUES.

Meet at Queen's Club in Their Annual "Soccer" Match.

There are two outstanding events in football this afternoon—the Rugby International between England and Ireland at Blackheath, and the inter-Varsity Association match at Queen's Club.

In the first case no time has been set for the kick-off—at least not in the advertisements of the match. In the second, the ball will be set in motion at 3 p.m., more or less punctually.

Queen's Club is easy of access owing to the splendid train service on the Underground, but Blackheath is not so well off. However, the South-Eastern Railway has promised to run a service of special trains from Charing-cross, Cannon-street, and London Bridge, and as the system admirably travelling which used to be so common years ago when there was a match of more than ordinary importance on the Rectory Field.

England v. Ireland.

There have been no further changes in either national team from those reported on Wednesday. Simpson and Daniell, who were doubtful at one time, will positively play for England. The home side will be greatly strengthened by their inclusion, more especially if Daniell, who will act as captain of the home side, has taken the trouble to get himself fit.

The Irish fifteen were safely housed in the neighbourhood of Covent Garden last evening. They are a very big and powerful-looking lot, and if sheer strength is to win the match then they should reap the spoils. On the form against Wales, however, the Englishmen have a good deal on their side, and they will greatly disappoint their friends if they do not come off with flying colours.

There are small hopes of Oxford making even a respectable show against Cambridge. The Light Blues have a very formidable side this year, best, some people say, that the 'Varsity has ever turned out. Their forwards are exceptionally fast at goal, while their defence is very staunch.

A glance at the list given below will reveal the nature and situation of the other important matches of the day.

FIXTURES FOR TO-DAY.

ASSOCIATION.

FIRST LEAGUE (Division 1).

Bury v. Everton.
Aston Villa v. Manchester City.
Newcastle United v. Notts County.
Sheffield United v. West Ham United.
Middlesbrough v. Derby County.
Liverpool v. Stoke.

Blackburn Rovers v. Hull Heath Wolverhampton Wanderers v. Sheffield United.

(Division II.)
Bristol City v. Stockport County.
Gateshead v. Hartlepool United.
Bradford City v. Woolwich Arsenal.
Burslem Port Vale v. Grimsby.

Blackpool v. Bury.
Gainsborough Trinity v. Bolton Wanderers.
Glossop v. Barnsley.
Burton United v. Chesterfield.
Leicester Fosse v. North End.

(Division III.)
West Ham United v. Brighton and Hove Albion.
Wellingborough v. Luton.
Tottenham Hotspur v. Bristol Rovers.

Southampton v. Birmingham Park Rangers.

Brentford v. Portsmouth.

Fulham v. Millwall.

Newcastle v. Reading.

Swindon v. Northampton.

Kettering v. Plymouth Argyle.

(Division IV.)
Chesham v. Swindon Reserves.

Watford v. Gray's United.

Portsmouth Reserves v. Southampton.

(SCOTTISH LEAGUE.)
Glasgow Rangers v. Port Glasgow.

Hibernian v. Queen's Park.

Celtic v. Morton.

Heart of Midlothian v. 3rd Lanark.

(LONDON LEAGUE.)
Millwall Reserves v. Fulham Reserves.

Orient's Park Rangers Reserves v. Brentford Reserves.

Catford Southend v. Hanwell.

(SOUTH-EASTERN LEAGUE.)
St. Albans Amateurs v. Watford.

Arsenal Reserves v. Tottenham Reserves.

Chester General's v. Hitchin.

LONDON SENIOR CUP COMPETITION (Second Round Ground, 3,0).

Richmond Association v. Leyton, at the Essex Co.

Millwall Reserves v. Fulham Reserves.

Orient's Park Albion v. Newportonians.

Bolton Castle v. Walthamstow Town.

Catford Southend v. Hanwell.

(SOUTH-EAST ESSEX LEAGUE.)
Leytonstone v. Woodford.

Manor Park Albion v. Newportonians.

OTHER MATCHES.

Clapton v. Cambridge, at Queen's Club, 3,0.

Shepherd's Bush v. Civil Service.

War Office v. Old Westministers.

RUGBY.

England v. Ireland.

Birkenhead Park v. Blackheath.

Bristol v. R.N.E. College.

Kensal v. Broughton Park.

Craven Park v. Dulwich.

Old Dowsbys v. Castleford.

Gloucester v. Devonport Albion.

Leeds v. Birmingham, at the Durham.

Leicester Stongdale v. Five Way O.E.

Eccles v. Vale of Lune.

Tottenham Hotspur v. Exeter.

Kirkstall v. Harrogate.

Moseley v. Leicestershire.

Newport v. Coventry.

Liverpool v. Sale.

Cheltenham v. Aston O.E.

Plymouth v. Glamorgan Police.

(All matches played on ground of first-named club.)

J. E. WATTS AND ROBERT LE DIABLE.



shoulder when he fell at Gatwick, and this is really the reason for the postponement.

Bobbie, who started favourite for the Cardinal's Hurdle Race, is for sale, it is said that Mr. Sievier is willing to take £1,500 for him.

Gollanfield, who won, had been backed at Leicestershire, but yesterday started without being supported to any great extent.

A splendid finish between Street Lamp and Ambition was seen in the Selling Steeplechase. The pair were so close together at the last fence that Street Lamp had very little room, but he made up his head on the flat, his speed accounting for his victory.

The February Hurdle Race P. Woodland had to give Mark Time a reminder with the whip, in order to induce him to shake off the attentions of Ashanti Gold, and he won with his ears pricked.

Azro, who took the last race, had only been in Riste's stable a few weeks. The winner scored with some ease, but might have "turned it up" had the distance been a trifle longer.

FANCIES FOR TO-DAY.

SANDOWN PARK.

1.30.—Metropolitan Hurdle.—St. HILARIOUS.

2.0.—Selling Hurdle.—FRIAR BUCK.

2.30.—Selling Steeple.—MINI.

3.0.—Sandown Grand Prize.—COSSACK POST.

3.30.—February Steeple.—VIBRANT.

4.0.—Burrow Steeple.—LITTLE SISTER II.

THE ARROW.

OFFICIAL SCRATCHING.

All engagements—Chestnut filly by Islington—Gipsy Anne, 2 years.

SANDOWN PARK RACE TRAINS.

Watcote (L.S.W.R.), 11.18, 11.40, 11.45 (1st class, 11.54, 12.0 (numbers), 12.10, 12.27, and 12.45,

NEWS FROM NEWMARKET.

Bright Alice and the Looking Glass.

The Duke of Devonshire's two-year-olds are very promising, and Goodwin has some excellent material to work upon.

Mon Roy, by Orme—Mon Droit, and a half-brother to Maladroit, is a really grand-looking colt, who when given the necessary time to mature, should make a name for himself.

Nautillus is a great, fine, upstanding son of German (the Cesarewitch Stakes winner of 1897) and Snood. He should win a nice race when the season is rather advanced.

In this trainer's string I have noticed a remarkably handsome son of Morion and Emancipation, who bears the cognomen of Garrison. He is of medium stature, but very compact, and his good points count for anything, he is certain to be found useful when tried.

Looking Glass claims her parentage from Bright Alice and Bright Alice. She is a very racing filly, who has a good future before her, and will undoubtedly be given time to develop the good qualities she evidently possesses.

OLD ROWLEY.

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

SANDOWN PARK MEETING.

3.30-METROPOLITAN MAIDEN HURDLE RACE of 100 yards. Two miles.			
	Yrs st	lb	Yrs st
Rouven Cras	4	10	10
Lady Corea	4	10	7
Fairy Queen	6	11	7
Barbury	4	10	7
Syrene	6	11	7
Cardinal Day	4	10	7
Estelle	6	11	7
Astaire	4	10	7
Total			190

2.0-SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 100 yards. Two miles.			
	Yrs st	lb	Yrs st
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Albemarle	5	12	9
Mr. Schomberg	5	12	9
Lady Beaufort	6	11	7
Leanne	4	10	10
Hope of the East	5	10	10
Sandown	6	11	10
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WATERLOO CUP.

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SPORT JOTTINGS.

The Oxford and Cambridge Chess Competition will be at the British Club, St. James's street, on March 25.

The New York Yacht Club has authorised its committee to reply to the letter of Sir Thomas Lipton with regard to the conditions of future challenges for the America's Cup. The conditions have not yet been made.

As a result of the recent match between Portsmouth and Ryde, the Portsmouth goalkeeper, has been appointed a spectator at Swindon, and the spectators will be admitted free for the misconduct of the spectators in the event of a repetition, the ground will be closed.

Captain Burne Hartopp has withdrawn his resignation as Master of the Quorn Hounds, and much interest is expressed in the shires that the threatened change in the control of the premier pack has been

Mr. P. W. Adams, of Stowford, North Devon, has joined his resignation of the Lamerton Foxhounds. The Lamerton country, which lies in Devonshire and Cornwall, is well stocked with foxes.

The Antwort ss. Ruby went ashore yesterday morning near Bridlington, and is breaking up. The crew of fourteen were rescued by fishermen.

Mr. William Court Gully, the Right Honourable Speaker, held his first official reception at West-

CRICKET.

A very Even Match between M.C.C. and New South Wales.

SYDNEY, Feb. 12.

Arnold, Fielder, and Strudwick are standing down in this return fixture with New South Wales at the Oval Cricket Ground here.

Warner won the toss and commenced the innings with Hayward. Warner was soon out, and Tyldesley joined the Surrey professional, who was, however, caught at the wicket at 26, and three runs later Tyldesley was caught at short slip. Hirst hit Hard.

Cotter had then taken three wickets for 15 runs. Brund was out at 34, after which Knight and Foster made a good stand, the former being bowled at 68, and the lunch score was 86 for five wickets.

After the resumption Bosanquet and Hirst made a fine stand, the latter hitting hard until he was caught off Cotter's first ball. Bosanquet then scored freely, but could get no support and the innings closed for 190.

At close of play New South Wales had scored 152 for six wickets, Victor Trumper playing a vigorous innings for 44.

ENGLAND.

P. F. Warner, c Noble, b Cotter	0
Hayward, c Kelly, b Cotter	5
E. E. Foster, c Noble, b Cotter	17
J. H. Tyldesley, c Noble, b Cotter	19
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G. H. Arnold, b Hopkins	23
W. H. Fielder, b Hopkins	44
H. Foster, b Hopkins	54
B. J. T. Bosanquet, c Howell, b Hopkins	8
H. Hirst, run out	1
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GENERAL; wages £18-£20; plain cooking; small house; wages £18-£20.—Write Y. 602, Bond-street Bureau, 45, New Bond-street, W.

GENERAL; wages £18-£20; plain cooking; small house; wages £18-£20.—Write Y. 603, Bond-street Bureau, 45, New Bond-street, W.

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